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Jane Henney, M.D.
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Re: CSPI Petition

Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to urge you to support the CSPI petition against sub-therapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock. The use of these antibiotics has led to resistant bacteria in humans. This is very frightening indeed. Not only will this petition help humans it will force farmers to treat their livestock more humanely. Adding antibiotics to feed counteracts the effects of crowded living conditons and poor hygiene. Disallowing the use of antibiotics would force farmers to provide cleaner spaces, better food and room to move which would themselves reduce stress and illness while still maintaining growth. Europeans have already started to phase out antibiotics used by humans despite protests by feed and drug companies. We in the U.S. cannot continue to buckle under pressure from these extremely wealthy and powerful groups and follow our consciences toward needed change. I hope you will support the CPSI petition. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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